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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24: PUERTO RICO

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1. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO GOA
OUR APPRECIATION FOR MORRIS' HELP IN THE COMMITTEE OF
24/SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES; FOREIGN OFFICE
LIKEWISE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR THANKS.

2. AUSTRALIANS HAVE BEEN QUITE CLOSE TO US ON PUERTO
RICO IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24, AND WANT TO CONTINUE TO
BE OF HELP. DFA HAS EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN THAT IT MIGHT
BE IMPOSSIBLE THIS YEAR TO SIMPLY "DEFER" A DISCUSSION
OF PUERTO RICO, AND THAT WE MIGHT BE FACED WITH THE NEED
TO DEBATE A RESOLUTION. DFA POINTS OUT THAT US POLICY
IN THE PAST HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN TO REJECT THE IDEA THAT
THE COMMITTEE OF 24 WAS COMPETENT TO DISCUSS PUERTO RICO.
DFA WONDERS WHETHER US DECISION, IN THE FACE OF ALMOST
CERTAINTY THAT THIS POSITION WILL BE DEFEATED THIS
YEAR, WILL BE TO ACCEPT DEFEAT OR TRY TO WORK FOR
"A SOFTER RESOLUTION." BY IMPLICATION, DFA IS WILLING
TO SUPPORT WHICHEVER COURSE US CHOOSES, BUT DOES NOT
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WISH TO BE LEFT OUT ON A LIMB BY HOLDING FOR A HARDER
POSITION THAN WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK FOR.

3. WITH RESPECT TO A RESOLUTION ITSELF, SHOULD IT COME
TO THAT, WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT AUSTRALIANS WILL BE GUIDED
BY OUR ATTITUDE.
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